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Trash plan tossed

Several councillors overwhelmed with negative feedback from residents on issue

Trash was thrown out before it could get started at Halifax regional council yesterday.

A public hearing was scheduled for 6 p.m. on a proposal to reduce the number of allowable garbage bags from six to four and make all but one of them clear bags.

But about three hours prior to the meeting, council voted 13-9 to cancel it in favour of a year of public education and consultation on the topic.

"The intent of this motion is to provide for a pause," said Coun. Reg Rankin. "This public hearing wouldn't serve at this point."

About 100 people had signed up to participate in the hearing.

Rankin, who represents the district home to the Otter Lake landfill, said there hasn't been enough consultation with stakeholders and the impact to the landfill needs to be better examined.

"What he's saying, colleagues, is education rather than legislation," said Coun. Steve Streatch.

But putting off the public hearing didn't sit well with some councillors.

Coun. Debbie Hum, for one, was irate.

"Talk about the lack of political guts and the lack of transparency," she said, claiming there was an "inner circle" of councillors who decided on this.

Hum later apologized to Rankin who said his reputation was "impugned."

JENNIFER TAPLIN

Councillor weighs in

"We don't have the ability or desire to get the facts out to people.... I hope we will learn from this," said Coun. Tim Outhit.

X-Men. Triumph



Chris MacKinnon of the Saint Mary's Huskies is denied on a breakaway by St. Francis Xavier X-Men goalie Joey Perricone in Atlantic University Sport men's hockey semifinal action last night at the Forum. The X-Men won 3-2 in double-overtime before a crowd of 4,685 to win the best-of-five series 3-2 and end the Huskies' bid for a second straight national title. See story, page 17.

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Stock up on food

Prepare to tighten your belt again

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Making music without his bro



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Council open to hearing more

Development would include 70,000-square-foot space for YMCA, as well as retail and residential units Community capital campaign to help with funding

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▶ The CBC radio building at Sackville and South Park streets.



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Halifax regional council cracked open the door to debate on bending the rules for a new YMCA complex.

The CBC and YMCA are asking council to amend height restrictions to allow for residential towers on a planned development on the corner of Sackville and South Park streets. CBC and the YMCA are looking to sell their land to a developer that will own the complex, except for a new YMCA to be located there.

The problem is height. They want to build a 46-metre-tall building across from the Citadel where the height restriction is currently 23 metres.

Council debated the issue yesterday but voted unanimously to move forward with examining the application and start the public consultations.

Coun. Bob Harvey urged caution, saying the process will involve amending no fewer than four planning documents.

"I'm concerned we're on a slippery slope here," he said, referring to council's previous debate on height allowances for the proposed convention centre. "I think we're making exceptions too much down the line."

Coun. Jerry Blumenthal shared his fond memories of the YMCA with council and said it is a long-standing organization that has served the community well.

"I want to see the public consultation and then I'll make up my mind," he said.

Coun. Dawn Sloane said there's no doubt many people will be upset with this development but that there needs to be a start to the dialogue.

Concern

- **Development.** Phil Pacey told Metro this week his group is concerned the proposed YMCA development will block the view from the Citadel to the Public Gardens.
- **Opposition.** Parks Canada, which runs the Citadel, wrote HRM council a letter opposing the development.

Teens charged with stunting

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The minimum fine for stunting, driving 50 km/h over the posted speed limit, is more than $2,400. Drivers also lose their licence for seven days and cars are impounded.

Two 17-year-old males from Lower Sackville face charges of stunting after police say two cars were clocked doing 109 kilometres per hour in a 50 km/h zone on a residential street.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said a black Hyundai Tiburon was followed closely by a white Pontiac Sunfire on Riverside Drive on Monday afternoon, with the first car pulled over by an officer conducting a speed-enforcement check.

MacRae said that when the officer was issuing the ticket to the driver of the Tiburon, the Sunfire drove by again with several passengers yelling out the window.

The car was then pulled over by another officer and the driver charged.

"Obviously a dangerous situation," MacRae said.

PHILIP CROUCHER

Local man faces charges in two separate incidents

A 19-year-old Halifax man is facing charges of robbery and mischief in connection with two incidents that happened this year.

Police say Stephen Anthony Ryanman was arrested yesterday morning and is the fourth person to be charged in relation to the south-end robberies.

The first robbery occurred Jan. 2 at Point Pleasant Park. The second incident took place on Jan. 6 in the area of Wellington Street and Lundy Lane.

A 17-year-old male and two men aged 20 and 21 have already been charged in relation to these incidents.

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▶ Canada Games

Time to say goodbye to the oval

After 77 days, the oval on the Halifax Common is shutting down.

Rain and spring weather are taking a toll on the ice surface, so organizers decided yesterday to pull the plug.

"It provided so many days of outdoor winter activity and enjoyment for residents while solidifying HRM's reputation as an event destination," Mayor Peter Kelly said in a statement yesterday.

A staff report on whether to keep the oval is expected by the end of the month.

About 100,000 people went for a skate, and 12,000 students took lessons there. Crews will dismantle the site over the next few days.

JENNIFER TAPLIN

Liberals edge up as Dippers slip: Poll

Grits top NDP for first time in years in new poll Less than half of Nova Scotians satisfied with current government's performance

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None of the parties are commenting publicly on a new poll putting the Nova Scotia Liberals at a statistical tie with the governing NDP.

A Corporate Research Associates quarterly poll released yesterday has the Liberals with a slight lead at 35 per cent, and the NDP trailing with 34 per cent.

The lead is well within the poll's 3.4 percentage point margin of error.

"There is no clear winner right now," said Margaret Brigley, vice president at CRA.

The third-place Progressive Conservatives remain at 26 per cent support.

All three party leaders took a hit in personal popularity.

Asked who they would prefer as the premier, 26 per cent of respondents said Stephen McNeil of the Liberals (down one per cent), 23 per cent said Premier Darrell Dexter (down eight per cent) and 13 per cent said Jamie Baillie of the Tories (down four per cent).

More people — a full 27 per cent — had no answer or said they didn't know who they'd prefer.

"Certainly, Darrell Dexter has lost popularity, particularly in the last quarter," said Brigley. "And the Liberal Party hasn't necessarily gained (popularity), they've just maintained what they had."

The Dexter government has had a rough time with the public lately, mostly in the handling of school board cuts. The expense scandal also reared its head once more this past month, with four MLAs — including one former NDP — charged with fraud.

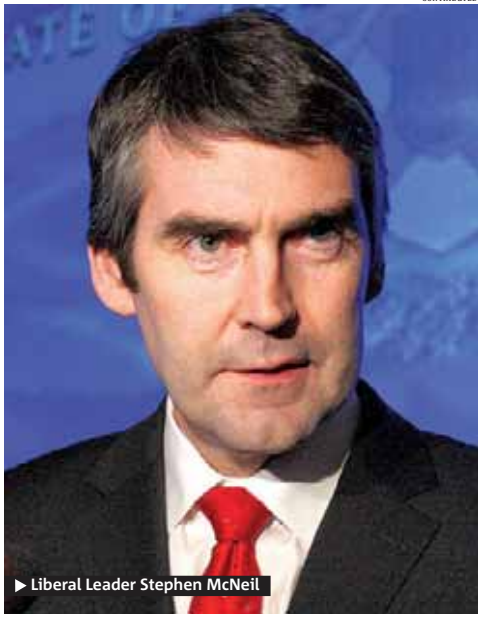
There are, however, two years before the next general election, meaning there's plenty of time for the polls to shift and shift again.

But those two years will be anything but a cakewalk for the Dippers, who are expected to run a $370-million deficit this year before balancing the books in 2013.

The longer view

- The NDP have dropped 12 per cent since February 2010, when they enjoyed a 20 per cent lead over their nearest competitor.
- The Liberals, on the other hand, rose nine per cent between February 2010 and May 2010, and have been in the 35 per cent range for the better part of a year.

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▶ Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil

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▶ Premier Darrell Dexter

WRONG TURN

Pair face U.S. border charges

A U.S. newspaper is reporting that a man and a woman from Nova Scotia are being held without bail on charges they arrived at a Maine border crossing with firearms and illegal drugs in their car.

The Bangor Daily News says 18-year-old Rantel MacLean and 22-year-old Janaya Crawley allegedly took a wrong turn when they arrived at the Calais border crossing six days ago.

The newspaper says they told agents they were headed to Toronto.

The U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement alleges they found a loaded .45-calibre handgun and 15 purple pills in a purse.

If convicted, MacLean faces up to 10 years in federal prison. Crawley could face 15 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Advocate: Cut unused programs

The director of a small-business advocacy group wants the provincial government to cut their economic development programs.

Leanne Hachey, Atlantic director of the Canadian Federation for Independent Business, told the province's standing committee on economic development yesterday the majority of the CFIB's members don't take advantage of the programs.

"In most cases, our members don't know that these programs even exist," said Hachey. "If they do, they don't know how to access them."

Hachey said on average, between three and five per cent of CFIB's membership access economic development programs, such as those offered provincially by Nova Scotia ALEX BOUTILIER

Not economical

- Hachey said about 15 per cent of CFIB member businesses have accessed funds through the federal Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

Search turns up drugs, rifle

A 16-year-old is facing several charges after police say a loaded rifle and drugs were found during a search of a residence in Black Point yesterday.

Ten marijuana plants and a quantity of marijuana, along with ammunition, were also seized, according to police. METRO

Remains not result of foul play

Police say an autopsy has ruled out foul play in the death of a man whose body was found in woods in Cape Breton.

Allan Gregory Boudreau was last seen Feb. 21 at his home and was reported missing last Thursday.

The remains of the 53-year-old were found Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Top developer killed on flight to Halifax

- Paul Oberman, 53, lauded for Toronto restorations
- Pilot complained of icing before crash in Maine

A Toronto real estate developer known for his work restoring heritage buildings has been identified as the victim of a plane crash Monday in a remote snowbound corner of Maine.

Paul Oberman, 53, was returning from a personal trip to Halifax when the four-seat plane crashed, a friend of the family confirmed yesterday.

Rescue officials say another person on board was airlifted to hospital in Quebec City.

Rescue officials say the Diamond DA-40 was en route from Halifax to Quebec City when the pilot radioed that his plane was icing up.

Oberman was known for restoring Toronto's iconic Gooderham Flatiron Building and the Summerhill train station as a large liquor store.

Bonnie Hillman, a friend of Oberman, said he was a "passionate city builder."

Law enforcement officials were forced yesterday to use snowmobiles and snowshoes to plow through snow that was almost two metres deep to reach the wreckage, near Depot Lake, about 18 kilometres from the Daaquam border crossing to Canada.

"Weather played a huge role, probably in the crash, but also in the search efforts that followed," said Steve McCausland of Marine Public Safety.

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Crash response

- **Scramble.** A Cormorant helicopter and a Hercules fixed-wing aircraft were sent from CFB Greenwood in Nova Scotia after voice contact was lost with Oberman's plane Monday afternoon.
- **Located.** It was totally dark by the time the chopper arrived on scene, but a spokesperson for the Halifax-based Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre said the crew were able to zero in on the plane's emergency beacon.

South-end. Killing



▶ Quin Zhang walks from Halifax provincial court last week.

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Death case adjourned

Quin Zhang, facing a second-degree murder charge in the killing of David Anthony Currie early last Thursday in south-end Halifax, was set to see his case proceed yesterday, but it was adjourned until tomorrow.

Blood clinic means her memory lives on

The memory of Mary-Beth Chaulk will live on again this year in an annual blood donor clinic.

The fifth annual clinic, For the Love of Mary-Beth, will be held tomorrow between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the blood donor facility at the Bayers Road Centre.

The 16-year-old Prince Andrew High School honour student died in 2006, a day after being hit by a vehicle at a marked crosswalk on Portland Street in Dartmouth.

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▶ Mary-Beth Chaulk

Buy or rent? Economy decides, analyst says

Construction of single-family homes in Halifax was down nearly 64 per cent last month compared to the previous February because of reduced demand, a market analyst says.

Matthew Gilmore, a senior market analyst at Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, said yesterday that economic factors such as employment and migration mean fewer people buying homes.

"We've got a demand for housing in Halifax. There's no question about that.

"But right now the demand is leaning more toward rental than it is toward home ownership," he said.

Gilmore said a growth in part-time employment means people are less likely to be in a situation where they can afford to build a home.

He said people migrating to Halifax are choosing to rent rather than build.

"The weakness in homeownership actually benefits the rental market to some extent because people are going to live somewhere," said Gilmore.

Although there was almost a 40 per cent decrease in construction of multiple-unit residences — this includes town houses, apartments and other multiple-unit dwellings — the numbers are still significantly higher than usual, said Gilmore.

He said last year there were almost 200 apartment starts compared to 100 this year.

ALY THOMSON

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▶ A new apartment complex under construction at Hollis and Morris streets.

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The number of housing starts last month, compared to 292 recorded in February, 2010.

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Pack of coyotes scares Fall River

Coyotes have been sighted again in the Halifax area.

Seven were seen by at least three people yesterday on a public path in a Fall River subdivision.

CTV News reported a man was walking his dog when he saw the pack.

He said he yelled but they stood their ground and didn't leave until he began throwing rocks.

"I'm quite concerned," resident Heather Sanford told CTV. "There's a lot of young kids on the street. My kids are 10, eight and six, so after the mauling in Cape Breton, it's alarming."

Taylor Mitchell, 19, of Toronto was hiking alone in Cape Breton Highlands National Park in 2009, when she was killed by coyotes.

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Pack mentality

- The Natural Resources Department says it's unusual to see so many coyotes together.

Halifax man pleads guilty, gets two years

A Halifax man charged following a fatal New Year's Eve brawl in Antigonish more than a year ago has pleaded guilty to a number of charges.

Julian Frederick Chittick was expected to stand trial this week in Nova Scotia Supreme Court on five weapons-related charges, one count of uttering threats, one count of assault with a weapon and breaching a court order.

Instead, the 25-year-old entered guilty pleas on Monday on the assault charge, one weapons charge and breaching a court order.

The other charges against Chittick were withdrawn by the Crown.

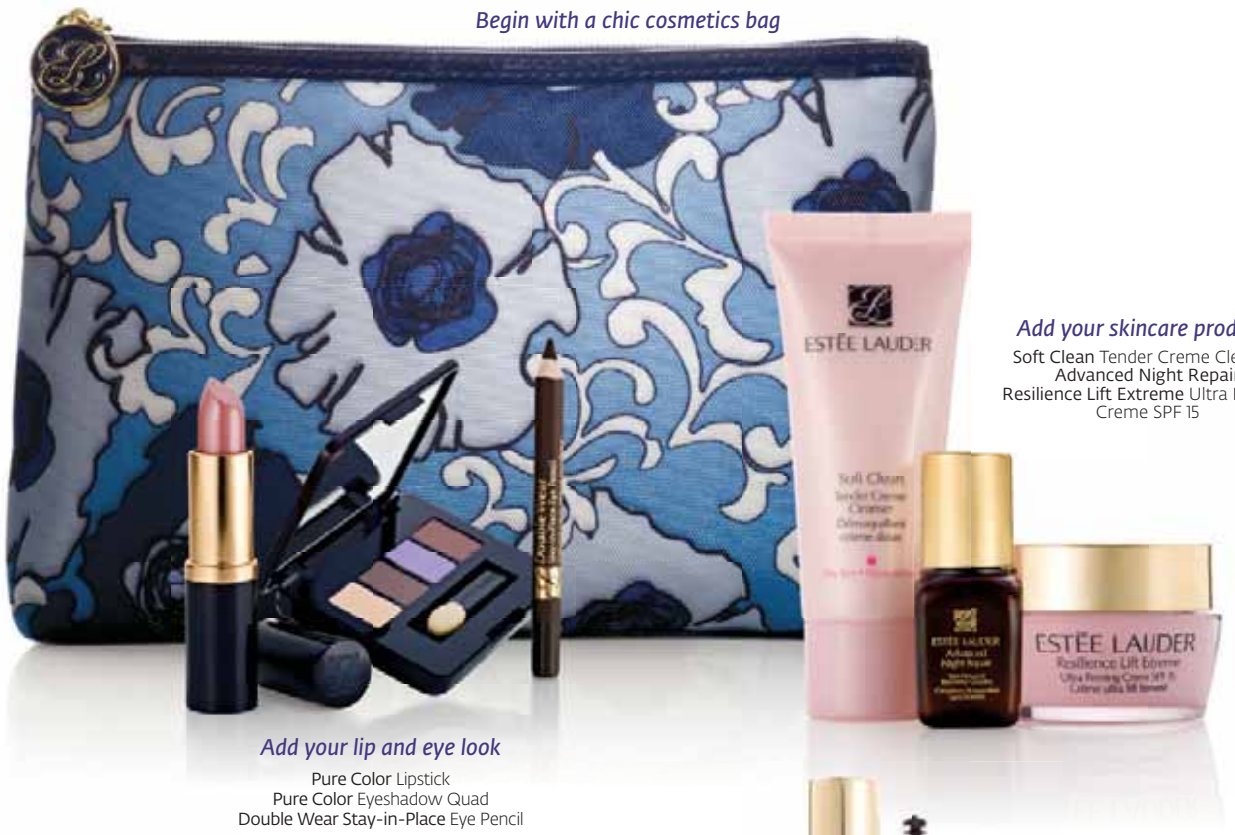
Chittick was sentenced to two years in custody but he was given two years credit for time already served.

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United to face cancer

Foundation launches initiative to address emotional, social concerns of women diagnosed with the disease

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"We are simply not meant to face cancer alone."

Sherry Abbott speaks from the heart. The executive director of the Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association (CCTFA) Foundation is a 21-year cancer survivor. She is on a mission to encourage and empower people who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

The CCTFA recently commissioned a report and talked to 814 women who were facing cancer. What they found was staggering.

Although their medical needs were being met, women felt there were no services in place to help them deal with the social and emotional effects of the disease.

Report findings

- Almost 50% of respondents did not feel supported in their cancer journey.
- 70% of women surveyed feared recurrence of their cancer.
- 45% said they were not able to "get comfortable with the new normal."

Source: Lives Affected by Cancer ... 800 Women Speak

"The heart and souls of women with cancer also need care and attention," says Abbott.

On the heels of the landmark report, the CCTFA Foundation has launched a new initiative called Facing Cancer Together. Their new interactive website, sponsored by Shoppers Drug Mart, is the largest online show of support for women with cancer. Women can now share, connect and find resources to help them during their recovery.

Dr. Alexandra Ginty will be contributing to the site. She is a family doctor trained in emergency medicine who was diagnosed with breast cancer a year ago.

"I'm trained to handle traumatic situations, but no one prepared me for facing cancer." She'll now be blogging about her journey and showing other women that they are not alone.

She writes:

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From left, Sherry Abbott, executive director of the Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association (CCTFA) Foundation; Dr. Alexandra Ginty, cancer patient and blogger; and Darren Praznik, president and CEO of CCTFA and the CCTFA Foundation.

Get ready to fork over more for food

Canadians will be paying between five and seven per cent more for groceries on average by the end of the year, economists say.

A family that spends about $400 a month on groceries could end up paying up to $340 extra in a year.

Bad crops and oil trading for more than $100 US a barrel are driving prices higher. The cost of diesel, used by heavy trucks to transport goods across the country, is up nearly 30 per cent from a year ago.

Food companies are raising prices due to the soaring costs of key commodity ingredients like wheat, corn, sugar and vegetable oil, which have gone up as much as 50 to 100 per cent over the last year at a near-record rate.

It's just a matter of time until higher commodity prices trickle down to grocery shelves, says Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist at BMO Nesbitt Burns.

"Based on what I've seen in the past, it takes about nine to 12 months for an increase in raw food material prices to get fully passed on and to fully work their way down to the grocery shelves, so I think by the end of this year we'll be looking at much more rapid food price inflation," Porter said.

With no global economic crisis on the horizon to pull prices back down again, the higher prices could linger longer than they did when they hit record highs in 2008, he says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stock up

Some food manufacturers are already moving forward with plans to charge grocery stores more.

- **Bakery company George Weston Ltd.** said last week that it would charge five per cent more for its goods as of April 1, and could increase prices even more by the end of the year if costs continue to rise.
- **Maple Leaf Foods** says it will raise its fresh bakery prices by 20 cents per unit at the end of March as it battles rising prices for flour used in bread.
- **Tim Hortons** said it may have to charge customers more for their morning java jolt due to the rising cost of coffee, which is about twice where it was last June.

GROCERS HOLDING OFF — FOR NOW

National grocery chains Loblaw, Metro, and Sobeys parent Empire Co. Ltd. have faced fierce competition, particularly in Ontario, from each other and retailers like Zellers and Shoppers Drug Mart who are increasing their food offerings.

Wal-Mart also plans a major expansion of 40 new grocery stores in Canada this year.

That means grocers are holding off as long as possible to pass on manufacturer price increases to consumers, says John Scott, the president and CEO of the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers.

"Nobody is going to raise their prices a nickel unless they absolutely have to," he says, explaining retailers will try to cut costs to keep up with competitors, but may offer fewer discounts.

"Instead of passing the full price on to the consumer, you'll see a reduction in the number of promotions like the coupons and that kind of thing. We had a lot of that in 2010, we'll probably have less of it in 2011." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Starbucks. Birthday



Starbucks's new logo is shown on a cup in Halifax.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A fresh face at 40

Starbucks rolled out its new words-free logo yesterday on all its cups. Signs also changed at a handful of stores. The Seattle-based company introduced the new logo in conjunction with its 40-year anniversary. Starbucks also introduced a number of new coffee flavours and baked goods.

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▶ Kate Middleton flips a pancake at a display by the charity Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children, outside the city hall in Belfast, Northern Ireland yesterday.

What's in a name? A lot, if you marry a prince

William started calling her Catherine, she says call me Kate

Call her Kate, at least for now.

It may be years before Kate Middleton becomes queen, but questions are already being raised about the princess-to-be's preferred moniker: Queen Kate or Queen Catherine?

Ever since her engagement became official in November, palace officials — and her fiancé, Prince William — have taken to calling her Catherine, which is the name used on the official, gold-embossed invitations to their nuptials at Westminster Abbey on April 29.

"Catherine" sounds more formal, regal and fitting for a future queen, experts say.

But Middleton herself may not embrace the change just yet. During a joint visit yesterday with Prince William to Northern Ireland, Middleton mentioned casually that she thinks of herself primarily as Kate.

"I'm still very much Kate," said Middleton, when a woman outside Belfast City Hall asked her what name she preferred.

"I think that Catherine does have a more historic feel to it; there have been several queen consorts called Catherine in British history," said Charles Kidd, editor of the blue-blood bible Debrett's Peerage. "So Queen Catherine does sound quite familiar. It has a historic ring to it."

He said Kate also sounds pleasant but reminds him of the feisty character in Kiss Me Kate, a musical featuring William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew.

"I imagine she'll be known as Catherine, but the tabloids and majority of the press will continue to call her Kate," he said.

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Discovery gets final salute on night before last landing

On the eve of Discovery's final homecoming, the six shuttle astronauts paid tribute to the world's most travelled spaceship, saying it may be some time before there's another vessel worthy of the name.

"Wish we could have a few more days, but it's time for us to come home," said Cmdr. Steven Lindsey.

In honour of Discovery's final flight, the astronauts received the first live wake-up music call in the history of the shuttle program.

The lead guitarist of Big Head Todd and the Monsters performed a solo version of Blue Sky, written in honour of the spacecraft in 2005. The song was written at NASA's request.

Lindsey didn't realize the acoustic performance was live until Todd Park Mohr radioed greetings.

"Did you just do that live?" Lindsey asked.

On Monday, Mission Control beamed up a pre-recorded message by actor William Shatner of 1960s Star Trek fame, in honour of Discovery's final mission.

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▶ The Space Shuttle Discovery 347 kilometres above the Sahara Desert Monday.

Retirement

Discovery is the first of NASA's three shuttles to be retired.

1. Two shuttle launches remain: Endeavour next month and Atlantis at the end of June.
2. Many at NASA say the fleet has lots of flying lifetime left. But the space agency is under presidential direction to aim for asteroids or Mars. That means giving up the shuttles, which are confined to orbit.
3. All of NASA's shuttles were named after great ships of exploration, including Henry Hudson's Discovery in the 1600s that explored the northeastern United States.

Prom dresses nab $14K each

If diamonds are a girl's best friend, a made-to-order $14,000 prom dress is going to become a blingy BFF for wealthy fashionistas.

An online retailer outside Philadelphia has already sold two of the gowns.

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Russian roulette claims life

The U.S. army says an Alaska soldier who killed himself in a drunken game of Russian roulette had completed two tours of duty in Iraq.

The new information about 26-year-old Sgt. Michael M. McCloskey says his last tour was in November 2009. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Her secret wasn't Victoria's

U.S. authorities say a New York City woman arrested at John F. Kennedy International Airport allegedly concealed $170,000 in her underwear to avoid paying taxes on the sale of property in Sudan. She declared only $17,000 upon arrival.

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Canadians upbeat about economy: Poll

Nearly 90 per cent are confident about financial well-being, compared with 77.5 per cent of Americans

Canadians are more confident about their own economic well-being and that of the Canadian economy, a Harris/Decima-Investor Group survey suggests.

The February survey puts the overall measure of confidence at 86.2 per cent, up from 82.8 in November.

Overall, nearly one-third (31 per cent) of Canadians believe they will be better off financially a year from now, up from 27 per cent in November. That compares with 13 per cent who think things might be worse.

One in four Canadians (24 per cent) see good things ahead for the economy in the next 12 months, up from 19 per cent. Four-teen per cent expect the economy to get worse.

Market moment

BREAKS AT 4 P.M. WESTERN

TSX	Dollar
– 79.38 (14,012.97)	+ 0.15¢ ($102.94 US)
Oil	**Natural gas** 1,000 cu ft $3.864 US (– 0.63¢ US)
– 0.42¢ US ($105.02 US)	**Gold contracts** $1,427.20 US (– $7.30 US)

A majority, 54 per cent, believe there will be good times for the Canadian economy in the next five years, while 31 per cent believe there will be another recession.

Meanwhile, half of Canadians (51 per cent) believe now is a good time to make a major purchase, while 31 per cent believe it is a bad time.

"Stronger consumer confidence is always good for the economy," said Jack Courtney, a financial planner with the Investors Group. "This is a clear indication that Canadians are returning to more normal spending, saving and investing." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Street. Photog



▶ Inventor Daniel Ratner pedals Google's new Street View Tricycle at company headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

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Google goes full cycle

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CONFESSIONS FROM THE LIBYA GRAVY TRAIN

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



Hypocrisy is a tricky trait. We're more likely to spot it in others than in ourselves.

Recently, pop stars have been falling all over themselves to apologize, give back the money or confess they had no idea that they were paid millions to perform for the family of bloody Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

Now that Gadhafi is the Monster of the Month, Nelly Furtado, Beyoncé, Usher, 50 Cent, Mariah Carey and, er, the London School of Economics all admit that they took money from Libya, and a number of them, including Nelly and Usher, are giving it to charity or something. Beyoncé claims she sent hers to Haiti ages ago, but there was no mention of Libya at the time.

It's a million-dollar hit for the stars, but blood money is bad for your image, so donate those dollars.

It's easy to make fun of people who construct a moral code one tweet at a time, but let's be hones: It wasn't so long ago that Gadhafi seemed kinda cute. Remember when the United Nations wouldn't let him pitch his tent on the lawn? Remember the documents, released by WikiLeaks, that featured the flying squad of buxom Ukrainian nurses who followed him everywhere?

You just forget that he has long been one of the Middle East's foremost terrorists and that, at one point, Libya took formal responsibility for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, an act that killed 270 people on Aug. 16, 2003. Look it up.

So all these people knew they were singing and dancing for a murderer, but he was a murderer with money, all of it extracted from the Libyan people, many of whom are now dying under his boot.

But let's not get too high and mighty. We've all been on the Libyan gravy train for years. There's a helpful page on the Government of Canada website called Doing Business with Libya, which tells you how to follow the lead of Canadian companies such as SNC Lavelin and Suncor.

The site says the value of Canadian exports to Libya was almost $250 million in 2009, the year in which the Lockerbie bomber was released from a U.K. prison and welcomed home by Gadhafi as a national hero.

What's the difference between getting paid a million bucks for a song-and-dance routine and SNC Lavelin being paid $500 million to build the Benghazi Airport? Or Suncor drawing 50,000 barrels of oil a day out of Libya's now-scorched earth, as the Globe and Mail reports?

So, if you feel like tossing stones at Nelly, remember that biblical suggestion: Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.

Or at least hearken to The Who and don't get fooled again.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Is this part of his script?

Letters & Tweets

We asked: Is Charlie Sheen acting like this for publicity?

TORONTO. No, he wants more than publicity.

He wants results from the publicity, not just the publicity itself.

Publicity is not the main motivator for his behaviour.

He is obviously angered and feels that stopping filming Two and a Half Men wasn't necessary.

Publicity is just a way of getting his point of view across in hopes of getting the result he wants.

Though I'm sure the publicity feeds his ego.

I think he is hoping the publicity will work in his favour ... or against Chuck Lorre's favour ... either way. I'm sure he feels that he must take action and the media makes it easy for him to take action through publicity.

The media isn't doing him any favours by these interviews, but, hey, whatever sells!

As the saying goes, any publicity is good publicity ... which is certainly true. Everyone knows who Lindsay Lohan is and not necessarily for her acting :)

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One and a half men

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Metro Minute with Halifax Mooseheads

With a playoff spot all wrapped up, the Halifax Mooseheads head into the stretch run of the QMJHL regular season tonight at the Metro Centre.

The Mooseheads, who have just six games remaining until the postseason, host the P.E.I. Rocket at 7 p.m.

They're coming off a 3-1 home loss to the Lewiston Maineiacs last Thursday and have a 2-9 record in their past 11.

With a 19-40-1-2 record, the 15th-place Mooseheads are playoff-bound for the first time in three years.

P.E.I., meanwhile, is 11th overall with a 29-24-3-6 record and is 6-2-1-1 in its last 10.

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▶ Pascal Amyot, left, and Konrad Abeltshauser celebrate a goal earlier this season.

2 scene

Preparing for a life without his brother

The always outspoken Liam Gallagher leads his new band Beady Eye, out of the Oasis shadow

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Life after the death of Oasis begins for infamous singer-songwriter Liam Gallagher with his new band Beady Eye. Metro chatted with the 38-year-old musician, who declared he is starving for success and fears no one.

Are the beginnings of Beady Eye as exciting as they were for Oasis?
Of course. Any beginning is exciting. Our songs are just crazy, and we feel just great. We're going to kill everything. We've got what we need for that.

The album sounds very spontaneous. It sounds like a response to Oasis, a band who became maybe like a routine to you, didn't it?
When you're in a big machine like Oasis, it works by itself. Everything is becoming a routine, so it gets sometimes boring. We needed to create something new and fresh. That's why it sounds spontaneous.

What was your inspiration for (debut album) Different Gear, Still Speeding?
Rock 'n' roll. Nothing else. We just wanted to have fun. And that's rock 'n' roll: no brains, just feelings. It's as simple as that.

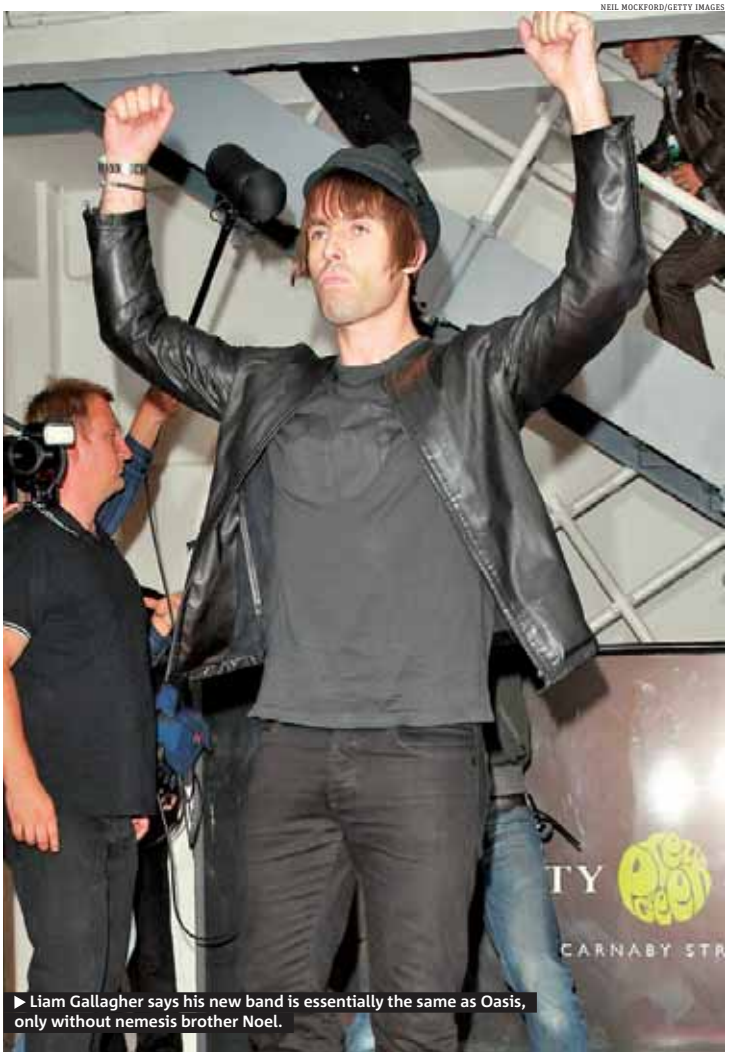
People will compare Beady Eye to Oasis. How are you prepared to respond to your fans and critics alike?
We are Oasis! Oasis became big because of the people who were in the band. We can do the exact same thing with Beady Eye. We are starving for success and we do not fear anyone. Our music is universal, and people will like it whether they live in Peru or in Paris. And if some people don't like it, it doesn't matter.

There is a huge electro-pop scene in England. Are you interested in that kind of sound?
I don't care. Why would we play dance music? It would be against our influences, against rock 'n' roll and against the Beatles! We're not going to play dance music just to be in fashion. It would be like wearing a dress. To me, those bands are just sh-t.

In the English press, not a week goes by without an article on Beady Eye and Oasis...
It's amazing how Oasis makes its own publicity on the back of Beady Eye. People have never been so interested in Oasis since it finished.

What would you say about this album. That it's the best album of the year? The album of the century?
No, I won't say that. I let you say it.

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▶ Liam Gallagher says his new band is essentially the same as Oasis, only without nemesis brother Noel.

Top albums



iTunes top 5 in Canada for the week ending March 6:
1) 21 — Adele
2) Sigh No More — Mumford & Sons
3) Wounded Rhymes — Lykke Li
4) Different Gear — Still Speeding — Beady Eye
5) The Suburbs — Arcade Fire
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Big year continues for Dido

Dido is due to have her first child this summer. It's already been a big year: She was nominated for an Academy Award for best song for co-writing If I Rise from the movie 127 Hours, and is finishing up a new album.

"I'm nearly done," she said last month about her upcoming album.

"Music will just start coming out as this year goes on."

Dido, perhaps best known stateside for the song Thank You, which was sampled by Eminem for Stan, said her new record brings her back to her electronic roots. She's once again working with her brother, Rollo Armstrong, as well as other producers.

New Baby

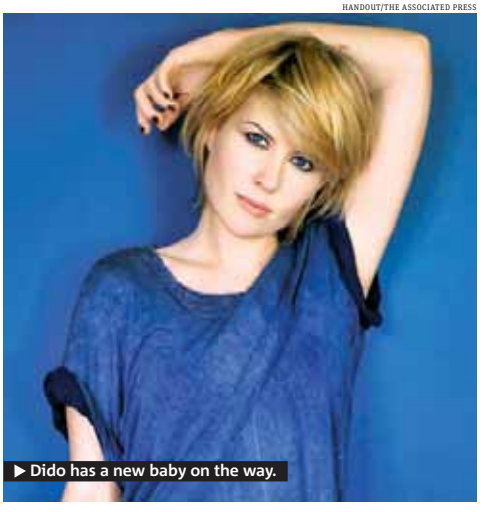
Dido doesn't know the sex of her baby, but she's dealing with the pressures of a new child very well.

▶ **Quote** "You just have this priority that is unchangeable and I think that's a great calmness that comes from that."

"It's been a thoroughly enjoyable record," she said. "It's a real mix and in a funny sort of way, it's a mix of everything, some sort of big electronic extravaganza. It's much more electronic than the last record."

Of course, before Dido goes on the road, she'll be dealing with her first priority: her new baby. She didn't perform at the Oscars because of her pregnancy, and after the baby is born, she plans to take time off. But for the moment, she's enjoying the "very exciting" time in her life. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Dido has a new baby on the way.

Behind Charlie Sheen's tweet lies a new world of social media advertising. Scan for story.

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In Focus

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▶ Val Kilmer and Carrie-Anne Moss star in The Red Planet — another Mars themed flick.

Superstar astronomer Carl Sagan said, "Mars has become a kind of mythic arena onto which we have projected our Earthly hopes and fears."

For more than 100 years, the idea that life could exist on the fourth planet from the Sun has been a sci-fi staple.

In 1898, H. G. Wells wrote the most influential Martian invasion novel of all, The War of the Worlds, later adapted by Orson Welles into the most famous radio show ever and in a less serious vein, Marvin the Martian, a cartoon character voiced by Mel Blanc that gave us the catchphrase, "This makes me very angry, very angry indeed."

Years after Marvin's 1948 debut he made another appearance as the mascot on the Spirit rover sent to Mars.

This weekend, Martians invade movie theatres in Mars Needs Moms, the story of little green marauders who kidnap human moms, joining a long list of Mars movies.

The 40-foot-tall Martian in The Angry Red Planet, a low budget 1959 flick, was actually a 15-inch-tall puppet made from elements of a rat, bat, spider, and crab. The campy creature was later featured on the cover of the Misfits' album Walk Among Us.

A few years later Robinson Crusoe on Mars used Death Valley, Calif. as a substitute for the barren terrain of Mars and was so low budget it recycled props from other movies. The aliens are seen dressed in the spacesuits from Destination Moon and the Martian space crafts were borrowed from The War of the Worlds.

The year 2000 was a big one for Martian movies. Red Planet, starring Val Kilmer, Carrie-Ann Moss, and Benjamin Bratt as astronauts sent to Mars when Earth's efforts to colonize the planet are disrupted, features cinema's first computer voice to be completely computer generated.

Also released that year was Mission to Mars, the Brian De Palma film about the first manned mission to Mars.

The movie flopped domestically — it only has a 25 per cent Rotten Tomatoes rating — but was chosen as one of the top pictures of 2000 by Les Cahiers du cinema.

Not all Mars movies are actually set on Mars, however.

Despite its title, Abbott and Costello Go to Mars, the comedy duo never actually makes it to the red planet.

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Amanda stays coy on Ryan Phillippe

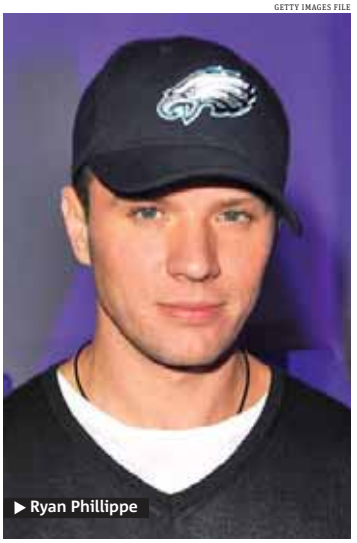
Red Riding Hood star prefers to talk about her ex, Dominic Cooper

Is Amanda Seyfried, 25, truly dating Ryan Phillippe, 36? The duo was seen hanging out late last year at Kate Hudson's Halloween party, and speculation has run rampant since. Now the actress tells Elle magazine: "Um, yeah, I've been 'seen' with him," but doesn't reveal much more. The Red Riding Hood star is much more forthcoming about her previous relationship with Dominic Cooper, her co-star in Mamma Mia! "(It is) one of the easiest things in the world," she tells Elle. "You're both open. You're put in a situation where you have to make out with each other. It's easy for things to get carried away." METRO

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▶ Amanda Seyfried



▶ Ryan Phillippe

Sheen's lawyers getting busy

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▶ Charlie Sheen

Charlie Sheen — you're tired of hearing about him. But his lawyers aren't. They're keeping busy, preparing for a battle with CBS, which just fired Sheen from the worldwide hit sitcom Two and a Half Men.

TMZ obtained a letter from the network to Sheen's lawyer, blasting the star for all his previous bad behaviour.

"Free at last," replied Sheen, waving a machete from a rooftop, according to the website.

Meanwhile, TMZ also reports that security has quadrupled around Sheen's gated community, because of possible snoopers. METRO

Phil Collins retires

PEOPLE British singer and drummer Phil Collins has taken to his personal website to announce his retirement in a bid to clarify recent speculation over his career.

In a post titled Breaking News, the multiple Grammy award winner writes that he wants to explain his reasons "for calling it a day."

Collins says he is stopping music so he can be a full-time father to his two young sons "on a daily basis" — not because of bad reviews, bad press or because he doesn't "feel loved." METRO





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▶ This photo shows fragments of the planes that hit the World Trade Center in 2001, displayed at the Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America exhibit, at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The exhibit is scheduled to run until May 30.

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▶ Ku Klux Klan robes are displayed at the Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America exhibit.

America's history of terror examined

Philadelphia museum show looks at the more than 80 attacks on U.S. soil ◗ Aims to be a conversation starter on a difficult subject

It was one of the worst acts of terrorism in U.S. history, a deadly deed that filled the New York City sky with smoke and debris, thrust the nation into war, prompted restrictive new laws and intensified hostility toward foreigners.

Yet it happened nearly a century before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — on Black Tom Island, a munitions depot in New York Harbor sabotaged by German agents and American collaborators in 1916.

This and other examples of domestic terrorism are part of a new exhibition at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, tracing the evolution of revolution and exploring how panic and prejudice can disrupt the balance between safeguarding civil liberties and protecting the public.

"Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America" opened Friday and runs through May 30. Created by the International Spy Museum in Washington, it examines acts of revolution, sabotage, protest, subversion and extremism by foreign-born and home-grown militants, activists and spies from the Revolutionary War and onwards.

More than 80 domestic attacks from 1776 to the present are presented — along with how they sparked government responses that have changed American life, from the 1918 Sedition Act to the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. It is left for visitors to reach their own conclusions about whether the various changes over time have been for the better, said Peter Earnest, director of the Spy Museum and a former CIA operative.

"These issues will be with us until the end of the republic," said Earnest, noting that the show was created to be a teaching tool for the young, a history refresher for the old and a conversation starter for all.

Interactive polling stations, developed with the Gallup Organization, ask visitors' opinions on the nation's response to events presented in the show — along with results of Gallup polls through history asking the same questions.

Among them: Should the government have the authority to deport people suspected of supporting hostile groups? Should the FBI be allowed to investigate groups opposed to the U.S. government? Is violence by individuals ever justified to bring about change in society?

"The exhibit illustrates in a way that's very dramatic and visceral the challenges we face as a country from threats that often originate internally," said David Eisner, National Constitution Center president and CEO. "How do we protect our homeland ... and how do we at the same time guarantee constitutional protections for all of our citizens?"

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If you go ...

Exhibit Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Through May 30 at the Constitution Center, Independence Mall, 525 Arch St., Philadelphia; constitutioncenter.org or 215-409-6600. Open Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. Adults, $12 US, students and seniors, $11; children 4-12, $8.

Artifacts Included in the exhibit are a charred remnant of the White House torched by the British in 1814, Ku Klux Klan garments from the 1960s, and wreckage of the World Trade Center and the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, badges of American Protective League agents who spied on fellow Americans during the First World War.

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Sunset: Acapulco is Mexico's nightlife wild-child with bars and high-end restaurants. Zibu (zibu.com.mx) serves an eclectic combo of Mexican and Thai dishes. Try the fish wrapped in banana leaves.

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Sunset: Come nightfall grab some beers and spicy shrimp tacos el Burro Borracho.

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4 CABO SAN LUCAS

Californication

Low-key Los Cabos is a favourite with camera-shy Hollywood stars. The 33-kilometre stretch of white sand between San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas is the aptly named "corredor turistico" (touristic corridor) studded with intimate beach huts and exclusive resorts. There's great golf, big game fishing and whale watching here.
Sunset: Uber-glamorous Nikki Beach is for evening follies, with extravagant theme parties and on champagne on tap (nikkibeach.com).

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A surprising contrast in texture

These mushroom cups have a soft filling and crisp shell

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Mushroom Prosciutto Cups are great appetizers. They're flavourful and offer a great contrast in texture due to their crisp shell and creamy filling.



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▶ This recipe produces 24 mushroom cups.

Preparation:

1. Coat mini muffin pans with cooking spray. Separate wonton wrappers and press into pans, pleating each to form a cup. Bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for 7 to 9 minutes or until crisp. Remove and let cool.
2. Meanwhile, in skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat; add onion and cook for 2 minutes or until lightly softened. Stir in mushrooms, garlic and rosemary and cook for about 4 minutes or until lightly browned. Reduce heat to medium; add water and vinegar and cook for another 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in cheese cubes and heat, stirring constantly, until melted and well mixed. Remove from heat and stir in prosciutto until combined. Season to taste with pepper.
3. Spoon 1 1/2 tbsp (22 mL) of the mixture into each cup; garnish as desired and serve warm.

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Ingredients:

- 24 thin wonton wrappers
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 8 oz (250 g) fresh mushrooms
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried rosemary leaves
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) balsamic vinegar
- 1 pkg (8 oz/250 g) light cream cheese, cubed
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) minced lean prosciutto (about 1 1/2 oz/45 g)
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Employees often believe that they own the content on their workplace computers and sometimes even the computers themselves. They are mistaken. Steve Rowe worked as a computer analyst in Ontario's Sheridan College's IT department for 12 years. He had one of the highest paying positions in the department, a clean disciplinary record and full access to the college's servers and computers.

Rowe blurred the line between personal and professional computer use when he adopted one of the college's faster computers and used it to download a large amount of games, videos, movies, music, and pornography. Rowe gave at least 11 other people including friends, family and colleagues, access to the computer's media cache. Rowe's activities went undetected for years.

When a network audit later revealed some of Rowe's activities, the college seized his computers and started an investigation.

After confirming that Rowe had been using the college's server as a media hub for his circle of friends, the college quickly dismissed him. At a recent hearing, an arbitrator had to determine whether Rowe's personal use of his workplace computer could justify his immediate termination.

Rowe attempted to overturn his termination by arguing that the college overreacted to his misconduct. However, the arbitrator hearing the case disagreed, characterizing Rowe's conduct as "extremely poor judgement." Since Rowe's job required his employer to be able to trust him, his termination was upheld.

This case is an example of a broader problem in Canadian workplaces as employees too often get carried away with personal computer use at work.

When they do, they should not expect that their actions will be immune from discipline as decision makers are becoming increasing aware of the damage computer misuse can cause and are often unwilling to tolerate it. Both employees and employers can consider some of the following safeguards:

- Whether there is a policy on Internet or computer use at work and to what extent, if any, does the employer permit personal use.
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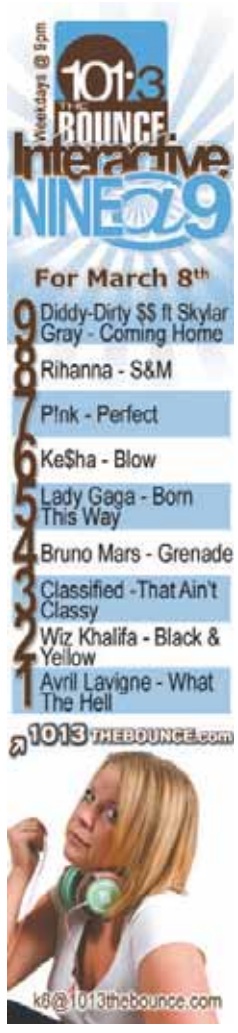
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Help me, help them: Parents

Public school systems across America are setting a teaching trend by opening up institutions dedicated to turning parents into better homework helpers

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Ellen Purtell, right, says she turns to her son, left, to help his younger sister with her homework as it gets more challenging.

Parents who help with homework think they have it bad with wacky new math in the lower grades. Try the ablative case in the second declension for high school Latin.

Susan Wheeler Fisk is ready with a resounding carpe diem! She enrolled in Latin I online with her 18-year-old senior to get him over the hump.

"This is a brand-new subject for me," said the former preschool teacher in Estes Park, Colo. "It's online, so there's no teacher.

"He said he didn't want a tutor, but he just needed to get his arms around the subject in a way that seemed like a tutor wouldn't offer anyway."

Fisk is grateful her son was up for her help.

It's hard enough getting a teen to do more than grunt in a parent's direction, so what happens when they clearly aren't clicking with schoolwork and the 'rents are no match for the Pythagorean theorem, Sophocles or the Federalist Papers?

Fisk has the time and background to make her hands-on homework help work. But many parents can barely hold on for the ride. Some are learning English as a second language, pulling long hours at work or don't have the academic experience they think they need to turn homework hell around for their middle school and high school kids.

"Now I'm able to check my kids' work with confidence that I'm providing accurate feedback."
SHELLY SMEADE, PARENT

"We have a lot of parents who have not finished high school or have only finished high school and are not confident," said Michele Brooks, assistant superintendent for family and student engagement for Boston public schools.

The system serving more than 56,000 children from pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 opened Parent University last year, primarily for low-income parents with kids in struggling schools. The free program of three-day workshops offers instruction in math, science and reading.

It also guides them in broader areas like dealing with cyberbullying and social networks, positive approaches to discipline and signs of gang involvement.

Brooks said more than 500 parents participated last school year and the same number has already signed up this year. There's even a June graduation ceremony for mom or dad.

Shelly Smeade is vice-principal of a junior high in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and struggled with math as a child. She knew she needed a boost once her oldest daughter turned 14, so she attended the free Math for Moms and Dads course offered by Stevens-Henager College.

The program has proven so popular that the Idaho Department of Education asked the college to offer it for parents in its 117 districts statewide.

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iStopped smoking!

While nobody claims that quitting smoking is easy, the Ontario Lung Association hopes a campaign that includes a new iPhone application will help young adults in the province to butt out for good.

The app, which challenges players to use their lung capacity to play a sports-related game, is one component of the Quit & Get Fit campaign that encourages smokers to kick the habit with the aid of physical exercise.

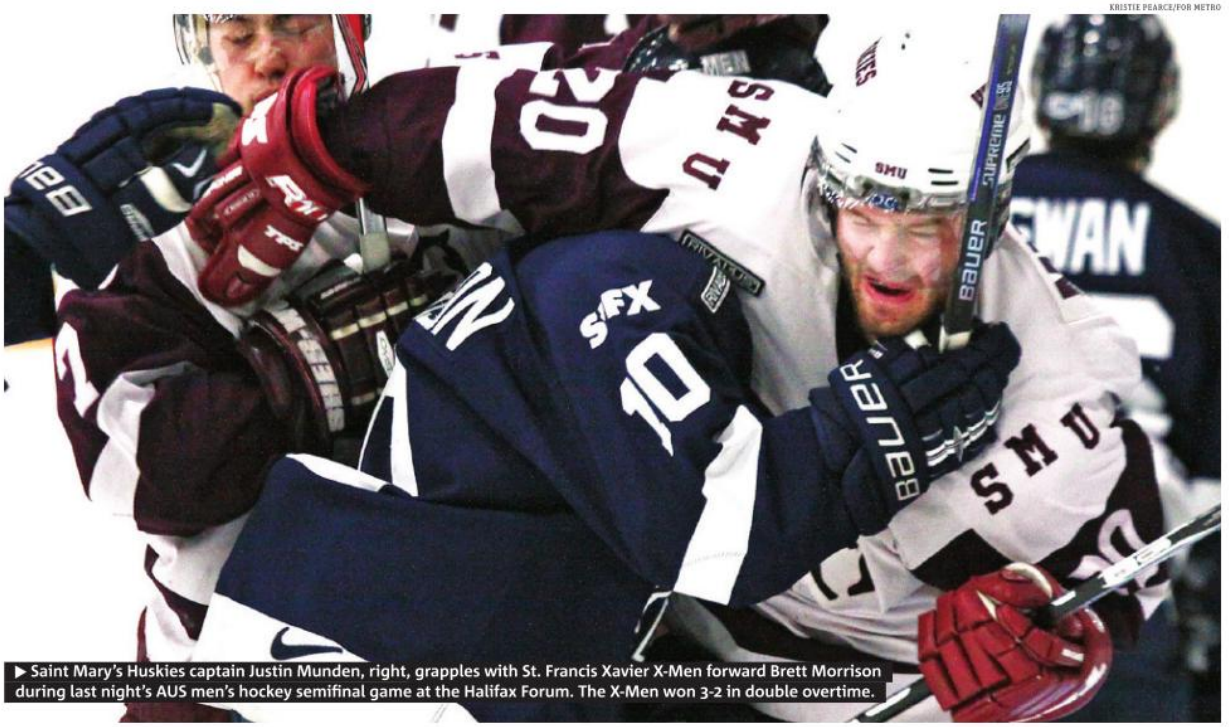


Quit & Get Fit is based on scientific studies that demonstrate how physical activity, and even deep breathing, can help reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms, and also assist in curbing post-quitting weight gain, the association says.

Physical activity can also help reduce cigarette consumption for those unwilling or unable to quit.

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▶ Saint Mary's Huskies captain Justin Munden, right, grapples with St. Francis Xavier X-Men forward Brett Morrison during last night's AUS men's hockey semifinal game at the Halifax Forum. The X-Men won 3-2 in double overtime.

X-Men topple Huskies in final game marathon

- Two-time defending AUS champions eliminated from post-season
- Run of three straight conference final appearances comes to end



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It was as fitting as it was heartbreaking that this one came down to sudden-death, one-goal-takes-all overtime.

In an Atlantic University Sport men's hockey semifinal where neither team deserved a season-ending knockout punch, the St. Francis Xavier X-Men prevailed in the deciding Game 5 with a 3-2 double-overtime victory last night at the Halifax Forum.

Phil Mangan brought the Huskies' bid for a second straight national title to an abrupt halt, driving to the net 50 seconds in and tipping a routine shot past Neil Conway.

Mangan, interviewed by numerous media outlets after the game, repeatedly said the Huskies disrespected his X-Men.

"We outplayed this team, you know what, for most of this series," said Mangan, a former Moncton Wildcats standout. "I believe we were the better team. We respected our opponent and they didn't respect us and we took it to them … so it was a great feeling."

"You never expect it to happen that quick. It was one of those greasy goals. He just shot it on net and Mangs deflected it in there. I'm on Cloud 9 right now."

X-MEN FORWARD BRYCE SWAN ON PHIL MANGAN'S GAME-WINNING GOAL

Whether respect was a factor or not, the X-Men looked to be on the ropes early when the Huskies swarmed them in the first period and grabbed a 2-0 lead on goals by Justin Munden and Ryan Rorabeck.

But Bryce Swan and Jason Bast scored in the second to tie things up, and the teams sat deadlocked in a stalemate until Mangan's winner.

The X-Men were outshot 31-22 in regulation, but had a 10-1 edge in extra time.

"We were just pressuring them … We knew they were tired," Mangan said. "They really only stuck to rimming it out the boards and trying to beat us out of the zone that way."

Swan called Mangan's winner a "greasy goal."

The Huskies were left to wonder what could have been after going 0-for-5 on the power play, including a fruitless 65-second 5-on-3 late in the second period with the game tied 2-2.

"We left it all on the ice," said Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg outside a silent dressing room. "It's a tired bunch of guys and a pretty dejected bunch of guys in there right now, and I feel bad for them. And I would have felt bad for X if it had gone the other way."

New faces headed to University Cup

There will be a new University Cup champion crowned in Fredericton later this month.

With the defending champion Saint Mary's Huskies eliminated last night, the St. Francis Xavier X-Men will join the host UNB Varsity Reds as the AUS teams at the event starting March 24.

The X-Men and V-Reds will first meet in the best-of-five AUS final starting as early as this weekend.

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Record turnout at Forum

The Saint Mary's Huskies packed a record Atlantic University Sport crowd into the stands at the Halifax Forum last night.

With the finest of university hockey on display in the Huskies' 3-2 double-overtime loss to the St. Francis Xavier X-Men, the crowd of 4,685 blew away the previous record of 3,896. That record was also set by the Huskies in the deciding game of last year's AUS final.

The AUS began tracking attendance in 2003-04.

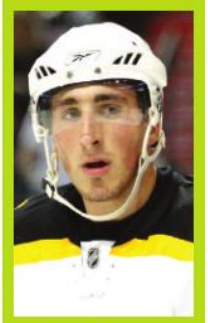
"You couldn't get a better series for the fans," said Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg. "The hockey was incredible. It was hard-nosed and there was nothing on the perimeter about that whole thing."

Stienburg said the crowd — which featured its fair share of X-Men fans — added to the "tenseness" and the "nerves" of the game.

"It's the best hockey in Canada besides the NHL and the fans definitely got their money's worth in admission," added X-Men forward Bryce Swan. "It's unbelievable to play in that atmosphere."

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"They like to get in and shoot their mouths off, and then when you hit them they'll dive down and fall easy. They get a lot of shots behind the play, and then they play it off like when we run them they didn't do anything to deserve it. That's the kind of team they are; they're pretty good at it."

BOSTON BRUINS FORWARD BRAD MARCHAND, OF HAMMONDS PLAINS, TO REPORTERS PRIOR TO LAST NIGHT'S NHL GAME AGAINST THE MONTREAL CANADIENS. THE HABS WON 4-1.

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▶ Dalhousie Tigers centre Joe Schow, middle, battles for a rebound against the Acadia Axemen last weekend at the Metro Centre.

Third team may be a charm for Schow

Schow, Farine and sixth-seeded Tigers prepare for Final 8 quarter-final Friday at Metro Centre Will face third-seeded Saskatchewan at 6 p.m.



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Joe Schow didn't know much about Simon Farine when he decided to make Dalhousie the third stop of his university basketball career.

Back in 2008, Schow had already played one season with the Simon Fraser Clan and two with the Calgary Dinos, and was on the phone with Tigers head coach John Campbell contemplating heading to Halifax for his final two seasons.

"He said he had a player named Simon Farine who was quite talented," the Medicine Hat, Alta., native recalled. "I looked him up and definitely saw his statistics showed that was true.

"I just thought it was a good opportunity to work with a guard like him. We complement each other very well."

Three years later, the 1-2 punch of Farine, a gifted scorer and playmaker from the backcourt, and Schow, a workmanlike force in the paint, helped the Tigers roll to an Atlantic University Sport title at the Metro Centre last weekend.

Schow, who red-shirted at Dalhousie at 2009, has gone from a spare part out west to a conference all-star in the AUS, finishing 12th in the league this season with 14.8 points per game and second with 9.5 rebounds per game.

"He's playing absolutely incredible right now," Farine said. "I think he's the best big man in our conference. He brings scoring, intensity and leadership and he was a well-deserved all-star."

Schow, who is studying Russian, is always there to finish when Farine draws in a second defender, and his AUS-leading 3.7 offensive boards per game are an indication of how effective he is in cleaning up after missed shots.

"I feel as though it's been a great experience to learn and grow as a player," Schow said of his time at Dal. "I think my game has matured."

Schow is eager to make the first Final 8 appearance of his career starting Friday at the Metro Centre.

"I can't wait for the weekend," he said.

The Schow show

Joe Schow's career stats (points and rebounds per game)

	PPG	REB
DALHOUSIE 2010-11	14.8	9.5
DALHOUSIE 2009-10	14.9	7.5
CALGARY 2007-08	3.2	2.4
CALGARY 2006-07	7.0	3.3
SIMON FRASER 2003-04	2.6	2.4

QMJHL

Herd hopes for goals

The Halifax Mooseheads are hoping to get their offence going tonight at the Metro Centre.

The playoff-bound Mooseheads host the P.E.I. Rocket at 7 p.m. and enter the game averaging a meager 1.81 goals per game over their past 11 contests, a stretch in which they have gone just 2-9.

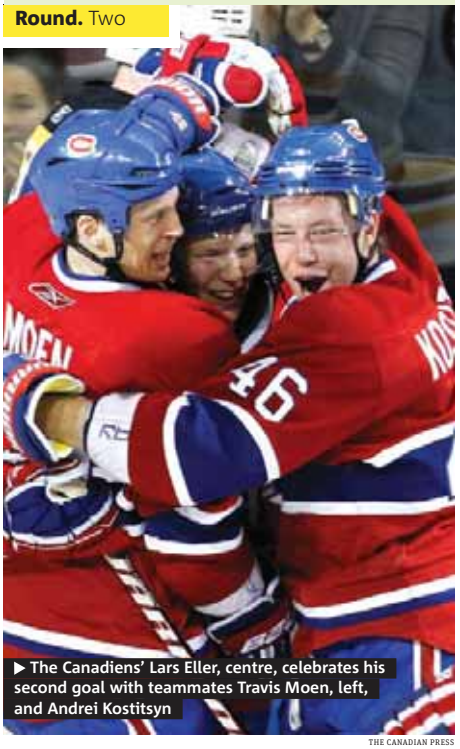
In seven of those outings, they've scored two goals or less.

In 15th spot in the QMJHL standings, the Mooseheads (19-40-1-2) are two points ahead of the 16th-place Cape Breton Screaming Eagles. They can avoid facing the nationally top-ranked Saint John Sea Dogs (53-6-1-2) in the first round if they maintain that edge.

Rookie left-winger Luca Ciampini is expected to remain out with a knee injury. but the Mooseheads are otherwise healthy.

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Round. Two



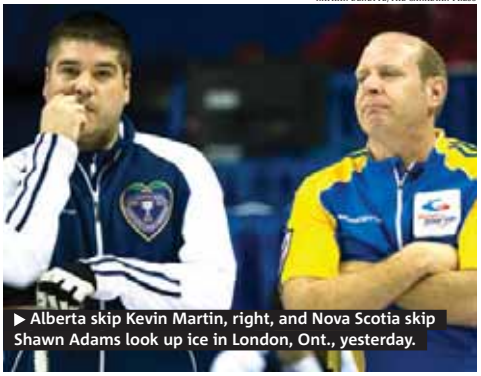
▶ The Canadiens' Lars Eller, centre, celebrates his second goal with teammates Travis Moen, left, and Andrei Kostitsyn

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Habs scrap out a win

Lars Eller scored twice in the first period and Carey Price made 30 saves as the Canadiens downed Boston 4-1. Those hankering for a rematch of the fight-filled last meeting between the teams Feb. 9 in Boston got what they wanted with a couple of tilts early. Bruins captain Zdeno Chara was later given a game misconduct for a hit on Montreal's Max Pacioretty.

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▶ Alberta skip Kevin Martin, right, and Nova Scotia skip Shawn Adams look up ice in London, Ont., yesterday.

Adams nearly pulls off upset

With Alberta on the verge of a losing streak at the Tim Hortons Brier, team lead Ben Hebert couldn't contain his frustration.

His team was coming off a loss the night before and did not look sharp early yesterday morning. Nova Scotia scored three in the opening end and skip Shawn Adams added two more in the fifth. That's when Hebert kicked the padded rock cushion at the end of the sheet before hurling his water bottle to the ground.

Enter veteran skip Kevin Martin. The Olympic champion told his team in no uncertain terms what needed to be done and Alberta responded with a comeback 9-7 victory.

"There's no sense putting sugar on it," Martin said. "I might as well say exactly what I'm thinking and man, the last half we had to be close to 100 (per cent shooting percentage)."

Martin scored three with a double takeout in the ninth end to seal the victory.

Adams said his team put in a solid effort.

"We played good for eight ends; the last two were tough," he said.

Later in the day the Mayflower rink beat Northern Ontario 10-5 to improve to 3-4.

Martin is chasing Manitoba skip Jeff Stoughton, who improved to 6-0 after a 10-4 win over Jamie Koe of the Northwest Territories/Yukon.

Stoughton, a two-time Brier winner, was down 3-1 early in his game before turning things around.

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Engine

For the 2012 model, the Passat's previously standard 200-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbocharged powerplant has been replaced with a non-turbocharged 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder unit. This change no doubt contributes to the smaller base price.

A 280-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 is optional, as is Volkswagen's hybrid-challenging 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel that will give the Passat a claimed rating of 4.8 l/100 km on the highway.

Generous dimensions

VW might be substantially reducing the MSRP, but it certainly won't be shrinking the package.

Compared to the previous Passat, the new model is nine centimetres longer overall and the distance between its front and rear wheels has been stretched by about 9.5 centimetres, which should mean appreciable gains in passenger room. The car's more generous dimensions are in line with models belonging to the rest of the segment and should provide the kind of space that North American sedan buyers have come to expect.

Base model

The Passat's starting-point model is fitted with automatic climate control, cruise control and Bluetooth short-range wireless connectivity.

Also standard is Hill Climb Assist that helps keep manual-gearbox models from rolling backward down a hill while taking your right foot off the brake to depress the accelerator.



▶ The exterior will please buyers who aren't interested in weird new design themes. The Passat is straightforward and purposeful, even if it is a bit plain.

The Passat is suddenly competitive

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If you're familiar with the Sesame Street ditty, "One of these things is not like the others," then try to guess if it's the Toyota Camry, Chevrolet Malibu, Volkswagen Passat, or Honda Accord that's out of place in this automotive quartet.

If you picked the VW, give yourself a gold star.

At about $29,000, the Passat, which disappeared after the 2010 model year, ranked as the most expensive mid-size sedan in this group (plus others in the same category) by as much as $7,000.

For that kind of scratch you could have covered the cost of fuelling up any of the other top-selling competitors for three years or so, on average.

Although seemingly down and out, rumours of the Passat's demise have proven inaccurate.

Volkswagen announced at the recent North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., that its mid-size four-door will return as a built-in-America (Chattanooga, Tenn., to be precise) model for 2012 and will paste a base sticker price of about $24,000 (including destination charges) on the window.

Commenting on the new Passat, Volkswagen Group of America CEO Jonathan Browning said his company, "aims to become a leading player in the (North American) market."

The Passat might not appear to be a clearcut class leader, but at least it's now in the thick of the hunt.

Passat

What you should know about the 2012 Volkswagen Passat:

- **Type:** Four-door, mid-sized front-wheel-drive sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I5 (170); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (280); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 turbo-diesel (140).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual (std., 2.5), six-speed automatic; six-speed automated manual (std., 3.6-litre V6 and 2.0-litre turbo-diesel).

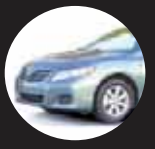
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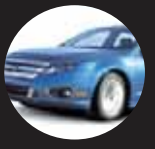
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Liberate yourself with this SUV

Last-generation Liberty looks fairly reliable and trail-ready

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▶ 2006 Jeep Liberty

What's the 4-1-1?

- **Model:** 2002 to 2007 Jeep Liberty
- **Vehicle Type:** 4x4 SUV
- **Approximate used price range:** $4,500 to $18,000

The Jeep Liberty made its first appearance in 2002, and intended to find favour with an urban-adventurer type after a machine with plenty of ground clearance, moderate towing capacity and four-wheel drive capability.

Featuring a Command-Trac transfer case with low-range gearing and "shift on the fly" four-wheel drive, Liberty was an ideal machine for all-terrain, all-weather use.

The Select-Track transfer case, also available, added a "full-time" four-wheel drive range which could be selected pre-emptively in nasty weather and act like an All Wheel Drive (AWD) system.

Four and six-cylinder engines were available, as were manual and automatic transmissions — depending on the year and model in question. Models with the V6 got 210 horsepower from 3.7 litres of displacement, while the standard 2.4-litre four-cylinder made 150 ponies. A turbo-diesel engine was available briefly as well.

Ideal for a small family or active couple, the Liberty was updated to its current iteration for the 2008 model year.

What Owners Like

Styling, a sturdy and planted ride and decent handling were typically highly rated by most first-generation Liberty owners. Visibility and off-road capability were also praised.

What Owners Hate

Comfort was rated somewhat poorly by many Liberty owners, mainly due to cramped footwells and limited at-hand interior storage. Rear seat legroom is also said to be limited. Other owners report higher-than-expected gas mileage with the V6 engine.

Common Issues

Liberty looks solid where reliability is concerned, though several checks will be mandatory in finding a healthy used model.

Fully check all on-board electronics and accessories for proper operation, including the stereo and keyless remote system. Power window failure looks fairly common and expensive to repair, so double check that all windows open and close smoothly and easily. Locks should also be checked for proper operation.

Jeep's 3.7-litre V6 is known to be reliable and relatively trouble-free, though it may feel hard to start at times due to a bad fuel-pump valve. Additionally, chirping noises could be the result of a belt pulley that needs a different, tighter belt.

Have a mechanic give the floor-pan and suspension a good look over, noting any signs of careless off-roading that may have resulted in dents or scrapes to the underbelly. Having all differential fluids and transfer-case fluids changed upon purchase is a wise decision too — unless the mileage of the last full fluid-change is known. This is also a good time to have your mechanic check for leaks.

A check for the performance of several safety-related recall jobs is another good idea — as the Liberty was subjected to several of them.

The Verdict

Like many Jeep models in the used market, a fairly simple powertrain doesn't deliver class-leading performance or mileage — though it proves reliable for the long haul and well-suited to its application.

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▶ This Liberty features moderate towing capacity



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From what I hear, you can buy almost anything over the Internet ... Kayaks ... Knockwurst ... Miniature kayaks formed from knockwurst.

Cars and trucks are obviously part of the Internet shopping experience, especially the research phase. But certain nuances and circumstances of the vehicle purchase process hold it back from being a typical "buy now" Internet transaction.

For one thing, vehicles are big — there isn't a standard Fed Ex package for a Cadillac Escalade. You may also want to trade in your current vehicle ... How do you do that over the Wi-Fi? Same with test-drives.

A typical vehicle purchase seems to generate so much back and forth, so much paperwork, so many choices, that the only way to get that all done, seems to be with a lot of face-to-face time with an automotive professional or two.

Well there is at least one person in Canada who would beg to differ. Barry Shafran is president and CEO of Chesswood Group Limited, a publicly traded company that operates cars4U.com.

According to Shafran, cars4U.com is "Canada's only eDealer." Shafran notes that unlike other dealerships or entities professing to provide online vehicle shopping, only cars4U.com gives customers the actual "buy now" button, and with a price that is "actually the selling price, not the list price."

While Shafran notes that a typical cars4U.com transaction "does come offline for a big part of it," he also notes that at least several times a year, a customer will, "hit buy now and put a deposit online."

Cars4U.com partners with dealers of various makes, to offer a wide range of vehicles, available to customers across Canada. Once purchased, the vehicles can be delivered, or picked up at the dealership who sourced it or at cars4U.com's HQ in Toronto. Trade-in values are assessed as best as one can over the phone, and then fine-tuned when the vehicle is dropped off.

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The company has been doing its e-thing for 10 years now, with "steady growth" according to Shafran.

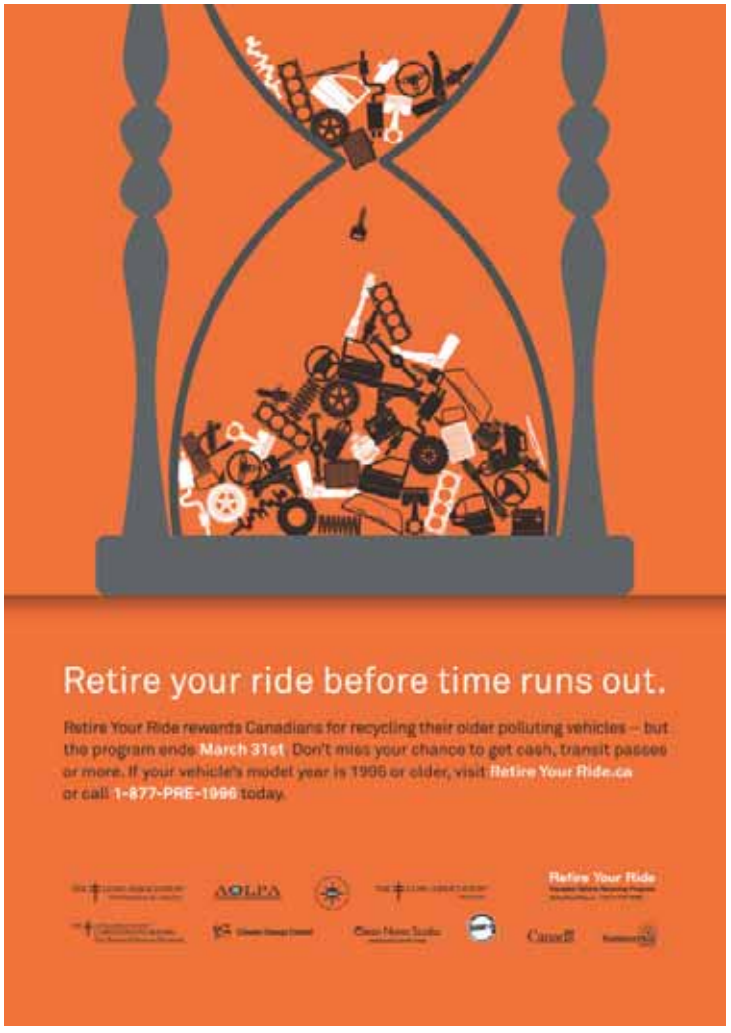
Why haven't others joined the bandwagon? "Good question," says Shafran. He is certain the business requires auto experience, not just Internet experience.

It's easier to answer the question, why can't you buy online direct from the automakers? That's because in the U.S. and Canada, dealers have ironclad franchise agreements with their automakers. Dealers are the only ones that can sell you a car. (Note, however, that automakers can also own dealerships and do).

But in Europe things are more loosey goosey, and that's why we're seeing some "direct to customers via the Internet" initiatives developing there. Last summer Ford of Britain bundled a bunch of its company-owned dealerships together and created FordRetailOnline.co.uk, complete with "12 regional delivery centres."

And just last week at the Geneva Motor Show, Renault said that its cheaper and Romanian-built Dacia line will be sold through an additional "Internet channel." This is to compete with Peugeot-Citroen, which already said its new line of China-sourced low-cost vehicles would be sold exclusively online.

Makes sense that the "bottom" of the market will be where Internet-direct makes inroads. You got a centralized, urbanized clientele, a cost-sensitive vehicle (an Internet channel is less costly to operate), and these vehicles tend to be viewed more like commodities. And if they are not in the showroom, they're not dragging down the profile of the automaker's higher-priced brands.



Auto research gets easier

Since its launch in May 2010, Canadianblackbook.com has seen more than two million visitors to its site. With numbers like that, this auto industry resource is doing something right. So let's take a closer look.

The site's launch generated a great deal of industry buzz and quickly became a leading online tool for consumers looking to buy, sell or trade-in a vehicle. It provides the general public with access to the industry's most comprehensive source of Canadian vehicle values through the convenience of the Internet.

The evaluator tool is just one of the features that make the consumer site so enticing. Visitors can search the trade-in value on virtually any make and model car or truck in Canada, as far back as 1998.

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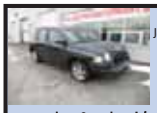
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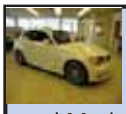

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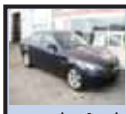

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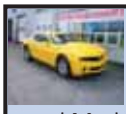

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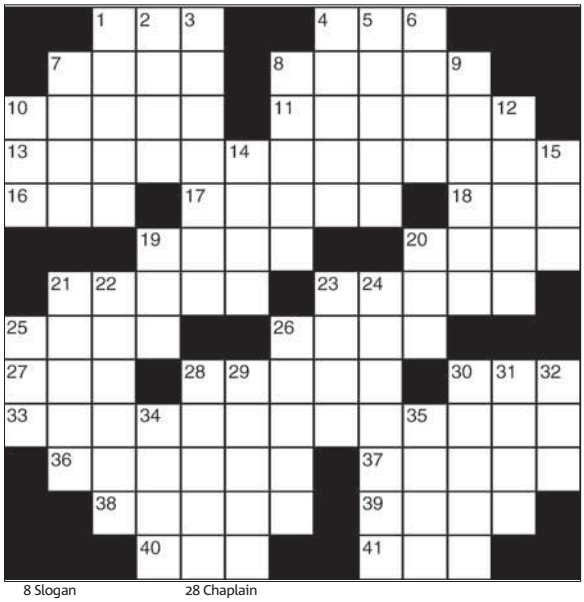
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Across

1 Step that may be "faux"
4 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
7 Harbor
8 Factories
10 Some Japanese-Americans
11 Eyes on a peacock's tail
13 No different
16 Firmament
17 Arose
18 Bronze
19 "Ask — questions ..."
20 Pleads
21 "It's a Wonderful Life" director
23 Obey a comma
25 St. Louis attraction
26 Spheres
27 Bleating sound
28 Pullover shirts
30 Pod occupant
33 Definitively
36 Youngster
37 Grown-up nit
38 "Hammerin' Hank" of baseball
39 Muskrat cousin
40 Chaps
41 Greek vowel

Down

1 Actress Parker
2 Neighborhood
3 Scorpion's weapon
4 Scarf enhancing a low neckline
5 Censor's sound
6 Afflictions
7 Light red
8 Slogan
9 Schedules
10 Ph. bk. info
12 Public persona
14 Lady of Lisbon
15 Type measures
19 Speedometer stat
20 Clear the tables
21 Starter on a really old car
22 Gum arabic
23 Instructor, for short
24 Set free, as from a sin
25 Latin 101 word
26 Bygone
28 Chaplain
29 Satirical newspaper, with "The"
30 Abdul or Zahn
31 Otherwise
32 Brewery output
34 Cheese choice
35 Source

▶ Yesterday's answer

C	R	U	E		C	O	E		Z	A	G	S		
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			T	H	Y		T	N	T					
S	E	I	S	M		C	A	S	H	C	A	B		
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Sudoku

		3	2					
4		9						
	6			7			4	8
2					5	8	9	
		1		8		5		
	3	5	9					2
7	1			9			2	
						3		1
					4	9		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	9	7	1	8	3	6	5	4
4	5	1	6	2	7	3	8	9
3	8	6	4	5	9	2	1	7
8	3	5	2	7	4	9	6	1
7	4	9	5	6	1	8	3	2
1	6	2	3	9	8	7	4	5
9	1	3	7	4	6	5	2	8
6	2	8	9	1	5	4	7	3
5	7	4	8	3	2	1	9	6

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V.C. I want to say thank you for always being there for me no matter how annoying and crazy I get. You're one of my closest friends and hope you will continue to be forever!! xoxo **SOMEONE PROBABLY SITTING BESIDE YOU**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Don't strain your brain thinking about something that appears illogical. A number of strange things will happen today, but none of them will do you any harm.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 This is not a good time to announce your plans to the world. You don't have to be dishonest about your intentions but you do have to keep your ideas to yourself.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 These are exciting times for you but don't get carried away. If you act without thinking, you could make a potentially costly mistake. Take extra care when arranging travel plans and social events.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you're dishonest in any way today, it will come back when you least expect it. You don't need to tell lies or cut corners to get what you want.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 There seems to be a mental block between you and others at the moment. There's not much you can do but wait for the cosmic tide to turn. It won't be long before you are back on a like-minded wavelength.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Your main problem is that you are doing more for other people than you are for yourself. Get a grip on the situation and let those who are taking advantage of your generosity know there will be no more freebies.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The planets warn that you could easily convince yourself that something is true when clearly it is not. That could turn out to be a costly mistake.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Spell out in plain and simple language what it is you expect of people. Both at home and at work, misunderstandings are likely so make sure everyone knows what it is they are supposed to be doing.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 By all means listen to what other people have to tell you today, but don't think for a moment that it's the whole truth. Act on the assumption that you have not yet heard the whole story.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Be careful when dealing with people you don't know on a personal level. Anything they say that sounds too good to be true is best ignored, no matter how marvelous it sounds.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Keep your thoughts to yourself today. With communications planet Mercury strong in your chart that won't be easy, but other aspects warn if you speak too freely it could rebound on you later.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Some things happen for no reason. Don't get hung up on trying to explain why a specific event came about. You don't have to account for everything in life. SALLY BROMPTON

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